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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALDMANN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE
TO MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL URGING THE FILING OF KLM

SCHEDULES:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE PAPER WHICH I ASKED FOR DURING OUR DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 11 GIVING THE BEST CASE FOR THE DUTCH POSITION ON THE AIRLINE CAPACITY QUESTION. IT CONTAINS SEVERAL STATEMENTS ON WHICH MY PEOPLE TELL ME THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION. THE MAIN POINT I THINK OUR DISCUSSION DEVELOPED WAS THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR BOTH SIDES TO BE FLEXIBLE. I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE ARE READY, IN RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS, TO OFFER A NEW PROPOSAL AND I TRUST THAT THIS SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE CAN BE RECIPROCATED.

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I AM, HOWEVER, DISTRESSED OVER A REPORT I HAVE RECEIVED

THAT KLM HAS REFUSED TO FILE SCHEDULES WITH THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL COURT APPEAL. KLM HAS ASSERTED, AS HAS YOUR AMBASSADOR, THAT THE COMMITMENT I GAVE YOU NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION AGAINST KLM PENDING NEW TALKS INCLUDED THE QUESTION OF FILING SCHEDULES. THE LATTER IS A PURELY PROCEDURAL

QUESTION, OVER WHICH I HAVE NO LEGAL CONTROL, AND WITH RESPECT TO WHICH NO COMMITMENT ON MY PART WAS EITHER INTENDED OR IMPLIED.

I AM AFRAID THAT THIS PROCEDURAL QUESTION, WHICH CANNOT HAVE SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE, COULD AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON THE CAPACITY ISSUE. I THEREFORE URGE THAT YOU PREVAIL UPON KLM PROMPTLY TO COMPLY WITH THE CAB PROCEDURAL ORDER SO THAT WE CAN REESTABLISH A PRODUCTIVE CLIMATE FOR NEW NEGOTIATIONS. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. KISSINGER

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